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**PATENT**  
**Docket No. GC362-2D1US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of W. S. Borneman et al.	)	
Serial No.: Unknown	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: **ESTERASE ENZYMES, DNA ENCODING ESTERASE ENZYMES AND VECTORS AND HOST CELLS INCORPORATING SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuing an Office Action on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, before BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION insert,

-- This application is a divisional application of application serial number 08/952,445 filed November 18, 1997, which is a continuation application of application serial number 08/722,713 filed September 30, 1996, now abandoned. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1 - 22, 24, 31 and 32 without prejudice.

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